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FREE TAX PREPARATION AND E-FILE FOR QUALIFIED ARIZONA TAXPAYERS

The Arizona Department of Revenue (DOR) announces opportunities for taxpayers to file their Arizona Individual Income Tax returns electronically at no cost.

DOR and cooperating software developers have formed the Arizona Free File Alliance (AFFA) to provide free online tax return preparation and electronic filing (e-file) services for qualified Arizona taxpayers. Membership in AFFA is open to all tax software developers, and each member sets the free filing eligibility requirements for its products.

Currently, there are six members: CompleteTax, FileYourTaxes.com, TurboTax for the Web, TaxAct, taxeng!ne, and TaxSlayer. Through the cooperation of these software vendors, more than 50% of Arizona filers qualify for free filing. Details are available at www.AZTaxes.gov; click on the e-file logo.

"All Arizona taxpayers expecting an income tax refund from the state should file early and use e-file services to ensure that they quickly receive their refunds," encouraged DOR Director Elliott Hibbs. "Free service offered by one of the AFFA members makes it even better. Go to AZTaxes.gov first to see if you qualify."

A few of the benefits of e-filing include:

- Faster refunds: Direct Deposit can speed Arizona refunds to e-filers in as fast as 5 days;
- Reduced tax return preparation time;
- Accuracy of the return;
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your tax return.

Taxpayers that owe taxes can also take advantage of e-file and use the "file now, pay later" option by using Electronic Funds Withdrawal (direct debit). If a balance is due on the e-filed return, the direct debit option allows the taxpayer to file today and specify a future payment date up to and including April 15. On the specified date, the funds are transferred from the taxpayer's bank account directly to the Department of Revenue. There is no need to send a check that could get lost in the mail, and postage is saved too!

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